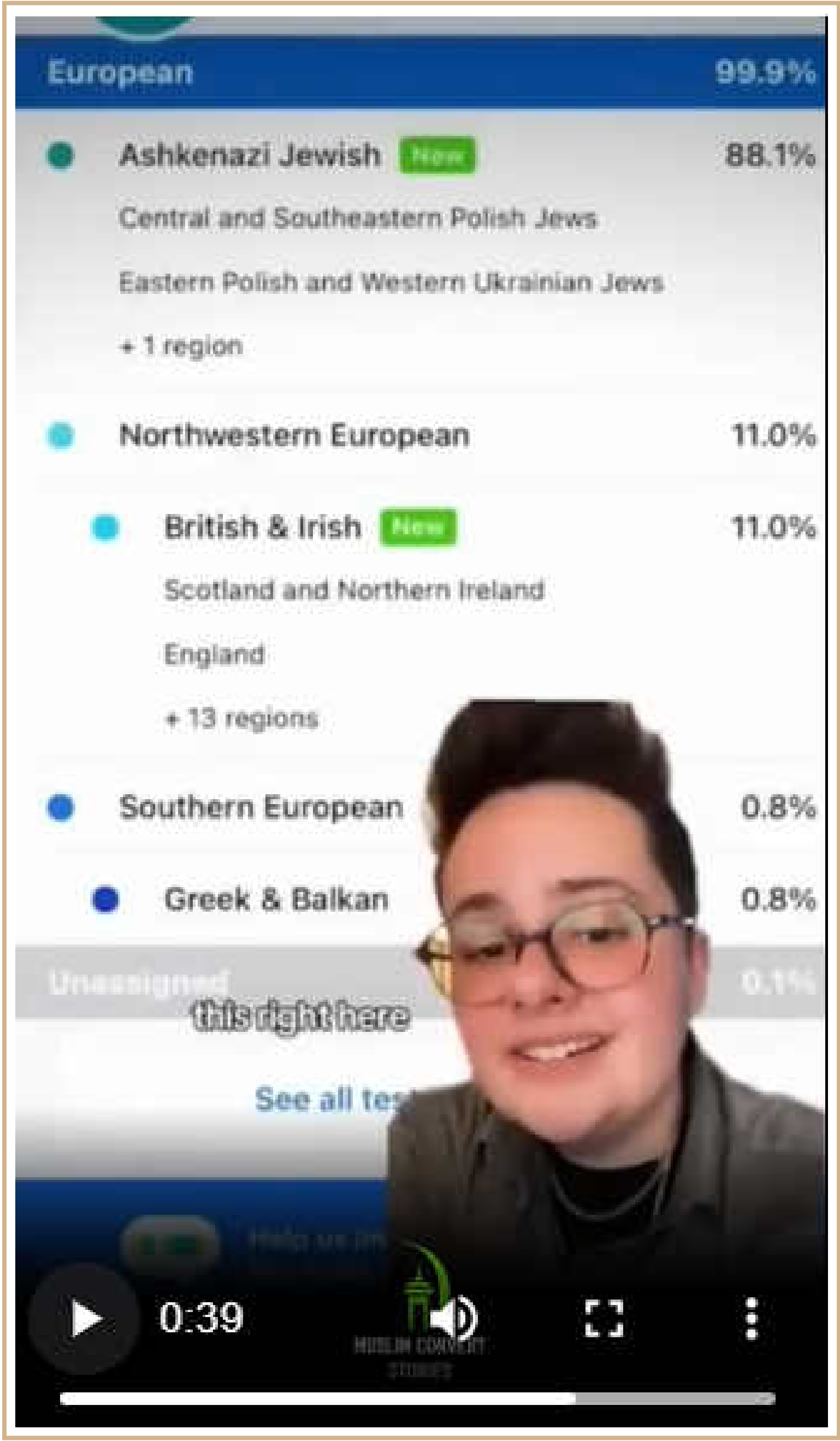


A Jewish teenager from the US recently traveled to Israel, and what he discovered about his ancestry challenged his long-held beliefs.

I will never forget the first time I went to Israel and I stepped off the plane and the first thing that anyone said to me was, "welcome home". Every single person who is Jewish that steps off the plane, especially for their first time in Israel, is told "welcome home".

So to unravel the mystery behind his background, this guy takes a DNA test. And guess what? Turns out he is 88% Ashkenazi Jewish, tracing his roots all the way back to Eastern Europe. This shakes up the whole idea that being Jewish is all about Israel.



This right here, this is my actual ancestry. I am 88% Ashkenazi Jewish and none of my ancestors are from the Middle East. The land that is called Israel now is not my home. It is not my ancestors home. It is Palestinian.